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Federal Communication Commission
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Dear Commissioners:

I am writing in concern for what I see as a rush to consolidate even more of the general media control in this country in large, self serving, and inflexible organizations. I might add unprecedented control by a few organizations. And, this slippery slope has been unnaturally pushed along by a few on this commission to the detriment to us all. In fact, I feel that this push to reorganize this media mind field and consolidate this power into such a narrow field of power will enhance the undermining of democratic principles that will allow this country to slip into the kind of political and power narrowing propaganda machines that we see in countries that wish the few to control the many instead of what this country has stood for over the past 231 years. As a case in point, I offer up the current goings on in the former Soviet Union.

About 4 years ago while searching desperately for a news program that was discussing and reporting on some substantive issues I simply took my television set to the garage and placed it there until this moment. The reason? I could not find among the major networks or cable news programs one that I thought was presenting fair and impartial and substantive news. Instead I found a well orchestrated and slanted news approach that was nauseating.

I turned to radio and found little difference. I started to listen almost exclusively to the BBC broadcasts because they seemed to present a realistic view of the world including what was happening in the U.S.

I do miss looking at educational programs and will occasionally go to my daughter's room to catch a worthy program.

However, it is still distressing to find out that so many things are happening in this country that are never reported on and it is obvious that these activities and events and a large segment of the population is purposefully being fed what others wish for us to see and hear and think, without regard to allowing each person as an individual and collectively to make up their own minds as to the how and what they should feel about a particular issue or issues.

This rush to consolidate power into the hands of few with an orchestrated agenda will prove beneficial for a few, but in the long run I think it will cause unprecedented upheaval in our society and will prove to be a disservice to most.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Samuel Carter

